

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Claims 18-20 and 23, 24, 26 and 28-32 and 34-62 are currently pending. Claims 18-20, 23, 24, 49-51 and 60-62 are independent. Independent claim 23 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 27. Claim 24 has been rewritten in independent form and has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 33.

Claims 18-20 and 49-62 have been allowed.

The remaining claims are dependent upon an allowed independent claim and are, therefore, allowable.

CONCLUSION

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

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